

Imperial College Union

Deputy President (Welfare) Report

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Gender Equality

This is still an ongoing campaign with a fairly good response. Hopefully soon some of the responses that we have already received will be posted on the website. This will go along with an anonymous comment box which I feel will bring some new life into the campaign and make the anonymous submissions increase. I hope to have some kind of wrapping up/presentation of results before Christmas as it is important to close the feedback loop when campaigning.

Green Initiatives

I have set up the first meeting of the Fairtrade Steering Group before Christmas. This is important as it ensures that Imperial College maintains its fair trade status. I will also be writing about this as other Green Activities from the Union as a submission to the college's yearly report on their Carbon Management progress plan.

There is also an idea which I am working closely with a group of students on involving starting a Green food co-op. This is a project that many students unions have embarked on in recent years and I think it has a lot of scope to be successful at ICU.

Personal Safety

I have scheduled a meeting with various stakeholders to investigate an innovative personal safety campaign and the production of material related to personal safety. I hope that this project will result in something being produced which is both student led and appealing to students. This will hopefully tie in with a campaign week in the New Year related to personal safety. I have also been to a meeting at TFL head officers about Cabwise. This is an initiative which aims to reduce the amount of illegal minicabs operating in London. The meeting was really useful and let us know about what TFL can do to help students unions promote messages to ensure that students get home safely after a night out.

Sexual Health

In the New Year I intend to run a campaign week centred around sexual health. I am currently investigating the capacity to have a regular pop up STI clinic during term time. I feel that this would be a really positive thing to do to promote safe sex. I would also like to investigate having a blood drive/blood donation initiative but the logistics of this may be tricky. Seeing if these things are feasible for next term are on my radar.

Student Experience Survey (SES)

Due to some problems in registry the SES will not be live until Thursday. However I am still confident that there will be a good response rate. The data from this survey feeds into making a Student Support Action Plan. I will also be producing a response when the data analysis has been carried out on the results. As no such response was made last year I will also be drawing on changes and improvements from the previous year. I would also like to deliver tailored feedback for specific departments to set out clear objectives related to student support.